

RESOLUTION NO. 1164D

A RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE ECONOMIC SUPPORT TO THE CENTRAL POINT COMMUNITY DURING THE COVID-19 STATE OF EMERGENCY; ESTABLISHING THE CARES ACT COMMUNITY SUPPORT GRANT PROGRAM

Recitals:

- A. The novel coronavirus ("COVID-19) is a highly contagious respiratory disease that can lead to serious and sometimes fatal illness. On March 11, 2020 the World health Organization declared COVID-19 a pandemic, acknowledging the virus will likely spread to all countries around the world.
- B. On March 13, 2020, the President of the United States declared the COVID-19 outbreak a national emergency. Oregon Governor Kate Brown issued a series of executive orders, beginning March 8, 2020, responding to a growing number of cases in Oregon. On March 23, 2020, Governor Brown issued Executive Order 20-12, the Stay Home, Save Lives Order, ordering Oregonians to stay at home, closing specified retail businesses, requiring social distancing of at least six feet for any person not an immediate family member when individuals need to leave their homes, adding restrictions for other public and private facilities, closing state government buildings, imposing requirements for outdoor recreation, travel and licensed childcare facilities, and including enforcement provisions. On April 7, 2020, the Governor issued an executive order extending school closure through the end of the 2020 school year.
- C. On May 14, 2020, the Governor replaced the Stay Home, Save Lives Order, and in its place established a phased, regionally-tailored framework for reopening the state (Executive Order 20-25), and required compliance with future Oregon Health Authority (OHA) guidance. The reopening framework keeps in place a majority of the restrictions set forth in the Stay Home, Save Lives Order, but relaxes the restrictions on local gatherings and allows certain business sectors to reopen in counties that meet the Governor's reopening criteria. Jackson County was approved for Phase 1 reopening on May 15, 2020, and for Phase 2 reopening on June 5, 2020.
- D. On June 5, 2020, the Governor replaced Executive Order 20-25 with Executive Order 20-27 (EO 20-27), which sets forth baseline requirements to apply statewide for a phased reopening. The Order provides for a phased, data-driven and regionally tailored approach. EO 20-27 also provided that OHA would issue guidance documents with the Governor's direction or approval, and that such guidance is enforceable under ORS 431A.005 and ORS 401.990, in addition to any other penalty that may be imposed under applicable laws. OHA subsequently issued Statewide Mask, Face Shield, Face Covering Guidance, requiring masks, face shields, or face coverings to be worn and provided at

businesses or indoor or outdoor spaces open to the public, with specified exceptions.

- E. Disruptions to individuals and small businesses resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and Executive Orders are serious, as small businesses are the backbone of our economy and provide the foundation of employment, services for the community, and revenue for cities and other public agencies to continue to provide essential services for the public welfare and benefit.
- F. Disruptions to the lives of community members have been serious as well. Many community members have lost their primary source of income and are unable to support themselves or their families. There are households in the City that could lose safe and reliable housing as a result of COVID-19 related economic effects, including under-employment.
- G. Accordingly, resources are necessary to help small businesses survive, to provide rent and utility assistance to households that cannot make ends meet, to support childcare providers to assist in maintaining a healthy workforce as well as to provide an option to working parents during the upcoming distance learning school year, and to better serve vulnerable populations within the community with public aid.
- H. On March 27, 2020, the United States Congress adopted the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act") (PL 116-136) which, among other things, amended Section 601(a) of the Social Security Act, established the Coronavirus Relief Fund, and appropriated \$150 billion to the Fund to be used to make payments for specified uses to state and certain local governments.
- I. Coronavirus Relief Fund resources may only be used to cover costs ("Eligible Expenditures") that:
 - 1. Are necessary expenditures incurred due to the public health emergency with respect to COVID-19;
 - 2. Were not accounted for in the budget most recently approved as of March 27, 2020; and
 - 3. Were incurred during the period that begins March 1, 2020 and ends on December 30, 2020.
- J. Guidance issued by the U.S. Treasury Department indicates that Eligible Expenditures incurred due to the COVID-19 public health emergency include costs incurred to support local businesses that suffered losses due to COVID-19 business interruptions, or incurred costs for personal protective equipment or

other materials, supplies and equipment needed to safely operate following a COVID-19 related closure.

- K. The State of Oregon allocation of Coronavirus Relief Fund resources has been designated to reimburse certain additional local governments in the state for specified expenditures through contracts administered by the State of Oregon Department of Administrative Services (the "State Fund").
- L. The City entered into an Intergovernmental Agreement with the State of Oregon Department of Administrative Services regarding the City's allocation from the State Fund, which must be used for Eligible Expenditures incurred for the period March 1, 2020 through December 30, 2020 (the "Grant Funds"). The total amount allocated to the City from the State Fund is \$550,024.36.
- M. The City intends to allocate \$300,000 of the Grant Funds to organizations that have existing connections and administrative capacity to provide individual grants to individuals or families that have Eligible Expenditures and can meet the obligation of the Fund.

The City of Central Point resolves as follows:

Section 1.

A CARES Act Community Support Program (the "Grant Program") is established for the City of Central to allocate funds in compliance with the CARES Act to support community hardship and added expenses caused by or resulting from COVID-19

Section 2.

The City manager is authorized to allocate Grant Program funds, consistent with the guidelines for allocation and the City's agreement with State of Oregon Department of Administrative Services, as follows:

- A. \$50,000 to Kid Time Children's Museum for the childcare program in partnership with School District #6;
- B. \$50,000 to YMCA for the childcare program in partnership with School District #6;
- C. \$50,000 to St. Vincent de Paul for rental and utility assistance for Central Point residents;
- D. \$50,000 to Family Nurturing Center for assistance to Central Point families in need;
- E. \$50,000 to Central Point Development Commission for matching grant funds to support the City's Emergency Small Business Assistance Grant Program;
- F. \$20,000 to RVCOG for the Food & Friends/Senior Meals program;
- G. \$7,500 to Jackson County 4-H Junior Livestock Auction to support Central Point area 4-H members as a result of the cancellation of the Jackson County Fair;
- H. \$22,500 in reimbursement funds for additional childcare programs

Section 3.

To quickly and efficiently mitigate economic damage to the Central Point community, the City Manager may further allocate and distribute any Grant Program funding with the support and guidance of City staff to achieve the following goals:

- A. Small business stabilization and support;
- B. Rental and utility assistance to individuals;
- C. Assistance and support to childcare organizations; and
- D. Assistance and support to vulnerable populations through established nonprofit agencies.

All grant assistance must be related to expenses and increased costs incurred as a result of COVID-19, consistent with the CARES Act requirements and the City's agreement with State of Oregon Department of Administrative Services.

Section 4.

The City Manager may authorize allocations and approve each individual Grant Program funding agreement in an amount up to \$150,000 which is consistent with the procurement provision of Central Point Code 2.40 – Public Contracting.

Section 5.

All City Grant Program funding distribution to sub-recipients will follow the guidelines issued from the U.S. Treasury Department and State of Oregon Department of Administrative Services.

Section 6.

The City Manager will provide regular updates to Council on the planned allocation of Grant Program funds. If additional funds are allocated to the City, this Grant Program may be extended to include those additional funds, or other grant programs may be created to allocate those additional funds.

Passed by the Council and signed by me in authentication of its passage this ^{17th}~~10th~~ day of September 2020.


Mayor Hank Williams

ATTEST:


City Recorder